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# ConnectME Authority Board and Staff Planning Meeting Notes

Thomas College  
Waterville, ME  
March 13, 2015



# What We Heard

- bills are coming
- open, robust discussion
- understand roles and how they relate to statute
- shared understanding of the statute and rules
- elevate Maine's strategy for broadband
- understand roles and responsibilities
- a solid course of action for the coming year, including time and metrics
- understand implications of the change in definition of unserved to symmetrical 10Mbps



# What We Heard (cont'd)

- interest in broadband affects the political climate and Authority
- active engagement of the Board
- consideration of standard meeting agenda
- engagement of the public
- clarity of direction from the Board
- alignment of the Board, alignment of the Board and staff around purpose, mission, and strategy
- decision process (who?/how?)
- having a strategy session is important
- be more proactive





# Themes

- **Strategy\***
- Governance
- Work Process
- **Current Legislative Session\***



# Organizing

## Role

Chair w/Executive Director

## Responsibility

- Meeting agenda topics
- Leadership over Authority and staff
- Communications to public



# Organizing (cont'd)

## Role

Administrator

## Responsibility

- Oversight of staff
- Performance
- Other issues





# Organizing (cont'd)

## Role

Legislative

## Role

Policy

## Responsibility

- Oversight
- Evaluation
- Outreach
- Response

## Responsibility

- Interpreting rules



# Test Statement #1 (potential Strategic Imperative)

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unserved everyone

The ConnectME Authority will create targets/outcomes and then a policy to clarify the targeted constituencies for funding broadband investments and adjust funding mechanisms to do so.

# Test Statement #2 (potential Strategic Imperative)

The ConnectME Authority will advocate in the areas of:

- Policy
- Coordinating big picture perspective  
(collaboration – anticipation – enabling infrastructure – influencing education, e-gov't, telemedicine)
- Funding models

.....and organize itself to do so.



# Actions

## Meeting Schedule

- Fridays (2:00PM to 4:00PM)
- Location (PUC large hearing room)
- Technology-enabled
- Monthly.....starting March 27<sup>th</sup>

**Homework Assignment:** read the statute